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WEATHER FORECAST

DULL

Barometer 30.43

February 28, 1914,

Temperature 6 a.m. 59, 2 p.m. 60
Humidity 94, " 96

February 27, 1914,

Temperature 6 a.m. 52, 2 p.m. 57,
Humidity 82, " 69

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TELEGRAMS.

LEITH ELECTION.

HISTORIC VICTORY.

Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."

London. Received February 27.
The election of a Conservative, for the first time in the history of Leith, is most surprising, as the Liberal nominee was a strong one, being the Provost. The great increase in the Labour vote was totally unexpected.

The result of the polling was announced too late to be dealt with in the editorials of the morning papers.

The *Morning Post*, in a brief despatch, says a contributory cause of the result was the deportation of Labour leaders in South Africa, which was doing infinite harm among the workers. The journal adds: "The contest at Leith is only the beginning of a controversy which we regard with the gravest forebodings."

The result was unanimously cheered by the Unionists in the House of Commons.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at question time, referred to the gibes of the Opposition by saying that "compared with 1900 we have a majority of 3,000 for Home Rule and Land Reforms."

"Notice to Quit."

Mr. Currie, when interviewed, said "It is Scotland's notice to quit." The election, he declared, was fought chiefly on the question of Home Rule.

Mr. Smith admitted that the result was disappointing, and that it was in the nature of a calamity.

Mr. Bonar Law has telegraphed to Mr. Currie:—"The victory will appear as the crowning mercy to the Loyalists of Scotland."

CABLES AND WIRELESS.

Secretary and Speed of the Two Systems.

The subject of communication by means of cables and by wireless occupied the attention of the Dominions Royal Commission during the greater part of its sitting at Westminster, on January 21, under the chairmanship of Sir Edgar Vincent.

Evidence on the subject was given by Mr. F. C. Crawford, of the submarine cable-laying department at Silvertown, and Mr. Rollo Appleyard, of the submarine cable manufacturing department at the same establishment.

Mr. Crawford stated that the general effect of developments in submarine cable telegraphy during recent years was that the speed of transmitting messages had been increased by 50 per cent. or more, and greater accuracy in transmission had been secured. The cost of a modern Atlantic cable giving a working speed of about 40 words per minute was generally taken to be about £500,000, but it would depend upon the fluctuating cost of materials.

Mr. Appleyard said he saw no prospect of the charges for cables, based upon the cost of constructing cables, becoming less; the tendency of the prices of the materials used in cable construction was to rise. During the last years the price of gutta-percha, unlike that of rubber, had not fallen. This he attributed to the great demand which there was for cables. Germany, in pursuit of her Imperial policy, was extending her cables round the West Coast of Africa, to Brazil, and elsewhere, to complete the German Imperial service. Notwithstanding the advent of wireless telegraphy the cable business was in a state of very great activity. Indeed, it had gone ahead faster than before.

TELEGRAMS.

INVESTMENT MARKET.

A REACTION REPORTED.

Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."

London. Received February 28.
Gilt-edged securities have reacted, on the imminent issue of £5,000,000 worth of Canadian Government 4 per cent stock, at 99.

MEXICAN UNREST.

NO PARALLEL TO BOXER TROUBLES.

London. Received February 27.

Reuter's Washington correspondent says President Wilson, questioned regarding the rumour that President Huerta had refused to allow an American Legation guard to be sent to Mexico City, said he would send an American Admiral, and that he did not think the despatch of Marines necessary. The President added that he was unable to see any parallel in the present conditions in Mexico to the Boxer troubles in China. He was of opinion that no armed force could be landed in Mexico under International Law without provoking war, unless the Mexican authorities consented.

Sir H. Rider Haggard.—Is it possible that a time will come when wireless telegraphy will outpace submarine cabling?—Whatever advantage may be obtained from the Orling relay, or instruments of that type, will be applicable to wireless telegraphy as well as to cables, and, therefore, we must suppose that wireless telegraphy will increase in speed; but, personally, I see no probability of wire less telegraphy ever attaining the same degree of trustworthiness, secrecy, or speed as submarine cables offer. He had no fear of the competition of wireless telegraphy with the cables; indeed, he looked upon wireless telegraphy as a friend, just as the telephone had been a friend to the telegraph.

TO-NIGHT'S BOXING.

Will Kerrison Beat Wilkinson?

Local boxing enthusiasts in discussing the prospects of the boxers billed to show at the City Hall to-night, devote themselves mostly to the Kerrison-Wilkinson fight and the Smith-Parkins go, with a slight preference for the former. That preference, however, is in no way indicative that it will be the better fight. As a matter of fact, the Smith and Parkins bout will in all probability eclipse it alike for speed, art and general satisfaction, that is, of course, if Smith is going to reproduce some of his old dash. The Wilkinson-Kerrison fight is causing much discussion because it is believed that Sky will on this occasion adopt very different tactics from heretofore, and such a change, if it be truly proposed, is decidedly essential if Sky is to secure the verdict. Kerrison is unfortunate in as much as he puts up good fights but often fails just to get there in the opinion of the referee. This, no doubt, is often the result of endeavouring to make boxing a parlour game and the sooner Sky realises this the better it will be for his reputation, and all the more pleasant for those who are anxious to see the local man to the fore. Sky is a good man, but, rather too lenient. Wilkinson is a man devoid of style in 3208 5238, Shanghai.

TELEGRAMS.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

Premier UNSYMPATHETIC.

Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."

London. Received February 28.
Mr. Asquith has received an important non-party deputation for Chihuahua to make arrangements for an examination of Mr. Benton's body.

General Villa has agreed to an examination of the body by two Americans and two British representatives and a doctor, and he provides a special train for these.

IRRIGATION.

SUCCESS IN AUSTRALIA.

London. Received February 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that irrigation has shown splendid results at Murrum Bridge, where there has been no rain for six months, yet the crops are good, while the fruit is excellent. Dairying is also successful.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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Beck in F; Hymns, 84 and 92.

Evensong (6.45 p.m.) Responses

Ferial: Psalms, of the 1st evening;

Magnificat Smart; Nunc

Dimitiss. Turie (8th morning);

Hymns, 249, 183, and 355 (tune 556.) Misere, Felton (10th morning).

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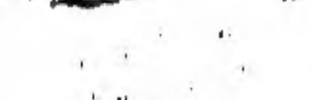
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South China Morning Post.

The Tyranny of Labour.

All shades of political opinion are at one in the aim of helping the labouring classes to improve their condition, but those who encourage them in the belief that beggarizing the country by means of a general strike is the royal road to a workingman's paradise are their worst enemies. The cowardly and foolish abdication of power on the part of the Ministry have not passed unmarked by the labour leaders and they will undoubtedly obtain recognition for their South African brothers by the threat to withdraw their support to the Home Rule Bill and other pet measures of the Government. The present state of affairs cannot long continue, and the day is not far distant when the poor deluded working man will realize that he is but the cat which pulls the chestnuts from the political fire and will reward the present labour agitators by providing a new use for electric light standards, and incidentally encouraging the Manila hemp industry.

Daily Press.

Chinese Cabinet Changes.

The recent changes made in the Chinese Cabinet are not calculated to inspire confidence in the capacity of the Government to make any substantial progress with the great schemes of reform which have been announced. If progress is to be made, it is essential that the statesmen responsible for the initiation of reforms should remain in office to work for their realization. Unhappily, in twenty months, a new Cabinet has had to be formed. Hsien-kuo, Hsi-Ling, who, since September last, has served both as Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, has resigned because, according to his letter of resignation, he "lacks ability and manliness, and because the burdens are heavy, and my energy is exhausted." He represents that during his administration "the financial resources of the country have not increased, the public service has not been purified, the defences of the frontier remain unstrengthened and the interior administration is still disturbed by brigandage." It is obvious, of course, that these are polite excuses for a step prompted by quite other reasons. No statesman, however able he may be, could ever hope to put China in order in the brief space of five months.

China Mail.

Sir Kai Ho Kai, C.M.G.

The approaching retirement of Sir Kai Ho Kai from participation in the work of the Legislative Council is a matter for much regret, particularly as it has been necessitated by failing health. Yesterday H. E. the Governor expressed, in most friendly terms, the regret of himself personally and that of the Council on their loss. That regret, we feel sure, is felt by all interested in the welfare of the Colony. Sir Kai Ho Kai, as the Excellency pointed out, has been associated with the many and varied duties that fell to the lot of a member of the Council for the long period of twenty-four years, which constitutes almost a record of service by an unofficial member. During those years Sir Kai Ho Kai has rendered the Council and the community valuable aid in many directions, and only those who actually participate in such work can fully realize what its conscientious fulfilment entails.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Sunday Shooting at Bisley.

It has been announced that the council of the National Rifle Association had decided to throw open the fine ranges at Bisley for the purposes of Sunday shooting. Such a course had been urged upon the council for some years past at the general meetings of the members in London and at Bisley camp, and the reply that Lord Chaylesmore, chairman of the council, had invariably given was that the subject was under consideration, but if it was thought that there was a real necessity for it the ranges should be thrown open. For many months past the adjoining ranges to Bisley, those belonging to the Government and Prbright, have been used for class firing on Sunday.

Risk of Japanese Degeneracy.

According to Prebendary H. E. Fox, who gave an address on Japan at the Victoria Institute, Charing Cross, on January 19, the simple habit of life which has so long characterised the Japanese is giving place among the wealthier classes to the luxury imported from other lands. The highly developed educational system is entirely secular. Notwithstanding the rapid speed of materialism and rationalism under European and American influence the Japanese people as a whole are still a religious people, and their piety, though less intensive than ours, is genuine. But the problems which face the Japanese are many and complex, and, according to Prebendary Fox, it is the same message that once conquered Pagan Britain which alone will save Japan. English Christians, he declares, have a duty in that direction towards her political ally.

Quick Travelling.

In response to a hurried summons to Lord Strathcona's deathbed, his Edinburgh law agent chartered a special train from the Caledonian Railway Company. The train left Princess-street Station at 12.53 p.m. and arrived in London at 8.50, the time taken for the 400-mile journey being 7 hours 52 minutes. The only stops were at Carlisle and Cawdor, where the engines were changed. The first stage of the journey from Edinburgh to Carlisle, a distance of 101 miles, was covered in 103 minutes. Although the journey is a remarkable achievement, it by no means represents the record for Anglo-Scottish travel. During the second "railway race" to Scotland (between London and Aberdeen), the West Coast train (London and North Western and Caledonian Railways) covered the entire distance of 540 miles in 512 minutes, equal to an average speed of over 61 miles an hour.

Windfall for Politicians.

The Edinburgh Court of Sessions on January 17 declared that the will of the late Miss Kippin was valid. Miss Kippin's estate was valued at £10,000, and it was bequeathed one half to Messrs. John and William Redmond and the other half to Mr. Keir Hardie for the Labour Party. The court refused to decide whether the property was left to the Messrs. Redmond for their own benefit or for that of the Nationalist Party, but the Judge remarked that it seemed to him that it had been left to the Messrs. Redmond personally.

Swallowing Sovereigns.

From a report made to the police by an Indian jeweller in China Street, Rangoon, a European came to his shop and said he wished to purchase some sovereigns, and showed some currency notes. On ten sovereigns being agreed upon as the purchase the man seized them as they were put on the counter, and thrusting them into his mouth fled out of the shop. The jeweller's assistants and others gave chase and caught the fugitive after a short run, and by squeezing his throat managed to make him cough up five of the ten sovereigns. The balance not being found on his person the police theory is that he swallowed them. The accused is under guard in the hospital being closely watched and will be put under the X rays.

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SALT GABELLE REFORM.

Terms of Agreement Insisted Upon.

The Peking correspondent of the *N. Y. Daily News* writes under date of February 22:

In consequence of the delay in the promulgation of the regulations governing the Salt Advertisers, a deputation of foreign Ministers recently demanded an interview with the President with the object of insisting upon the terms of the reorganization loan agreement being effectively carried out. This emphatic step has had the desired result. The regulations have been published, and together with those relating to the Inspectors and District Inspectors, which were recently promulgated, entirely meet with the approval of the banks and Legation.

It is an open secret that Sir Richard Dane contemplated resigning if the question of the regulations were not satisfactorily settled. His resignation would have been a serious blow to Chinese credit, and had he been forced to retire the hope that a further loan could be arranged on the salt revenues would have vanished.

Estimated Revenue.

For this year Sir Richard Dane estimates a net revenue of \$24,000,000, provided a Government stable policy of taxing salt at the sources of supply is pursued and the Government is able to enforce the regulations.

Sir Richard Dane points out, however, that the Government clings to the schemes of transportation and sale on Government account, although these always disastrously fail; while at various points the Salt Commissioners are doing their utmost to impede reform.

Moreover, at only two points are the collections in the hands of the District Inspectors, whilst at some points the terms of the loan agreement are openly disregarded and in nearly every District the Salt Commissioners are doing their utmost to impede reform.

This estimate does not make the prospect of another large loan particularly rosy, for, although it prophesies a considerable surplus, the indication of the spirit of obstruction is not reassuring. On the other hand, Sir Richard Dane's estimate is admittedly a conservative one, while the promulgation of the regulations will probably have a whole-some effect and lead to increased revenues.

THE CHINA SQUADRON.

The Admiralty has issued orders for the cruiser Yarmouth, Captain H. L. Colquhoun, China Squadron, to be paid off at Colombo, and recommissioned there for further service with the China Squadron, to which she has been attached since April, 1912, when she was

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A week's extra leave, in addition to foreign service leave, is to be given the crew of the cruiser Hampshire on their return to England from the China Station in the cruise. Europe, in recognition of arduous service at Constantinople and Nanking. The Admiralty have given orders for the sale of the thirty-knot destroyer Otter, at present stationed at Hongkong.

Egypt's new Stamps. Some interesting diplomatic questions are raised by the issue of Egypt's new stamps. For the first time the inscriptions are in English instead of French, and when it was announced last year that the change would be made the alteration was heralded in some quarters in Germany as pointing to the establishment of a British protectorate. While collectors have often desired that the stamps of Egypt should be listed in the catalogues devoted to the British Empire, the publishers are said to have refrained from the change owing to fear of possible international complications.



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BIRTH.

SHELLIM.—On February 23, 1914, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shellim, a daughter.

DEATH.

COCHRANE.—On February 22, 1914, at 18th Haining Road, Shanghai, Hugh Boyd Cochrane, (Pilot), aged 47 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1914.

THE NANTAO AFFAIR.

It is not altogether easy to arrive at something like the right bearing as regards the Nantao shooting incident. Accounts in the Northern papers do not greatly help, because they are seriously divergent as regards essentials. Evidently, they come from different sources and accordingly present either a purely Chinese or a purely Japanese version of the affair. On the one hand, we are told that the Japanese who were shot were innocent bill-collectors for an inn-keeper at Hankow; on the other, it is stated that they were political agents who were plotting against the Republic. Until Admiral Teeng, who has the matter in hand, has completed his inquiries, it is impossible to say anything really definite regarding the incident itself. It would appear, however, that it was not until after the affair that the authorities learned that the men shot were Japanese, and if that can be fully proved, it materially strengthens China's case in reply to Japan.

It is to be hoped that the affair will close without bad blood being raised. If it can definitely be established that the men were actually plotters against the Government, no doubt the Japanese Government will disclaim all responsibility. Men engaged on that kind of work should do so at their own risk and can look for no help from their Government if their plans fail and they get into trouble. That, at any rate, is the reasonable attitude and is, most probably, the attitude that will be adopted. But matters will not be improved by unfortunate comments on the affair while it is still under consideration. We make one quotation from a northern paper managed by Chinese and printed in English—a paper whose word carries some weight amongst the better class of Chinese. It assumes that the two men were plotting with the rebels and therefore draws the following conclusions:

We observe that Japanese subjects in China are not highly regarded as before, and we often hear that they are dangerous, irrational, hot-headed, with high temperament and bad manners. They are proud, passionate and barbarous. As a race they have no conscience as is shown in the comparison of the Nantao incident and the Changit atrocity. Their amazing impudence makes man despair of human nature, with which they demanded and obtained an exorbitant amount of indemnity and other things besides, for the killing of three barbers, but after long negotiation they have promised only to give something like ten dollars—alms money—every ninth to each family of the Chinese police killed by the Japanese soldiers in cold blood.

Neither passion nor thoughtlessness can excuse mischievous talk of this kind. It is thus that friendly nations are estranged and set at each other's throats. Even though these men had been proved guilty of plotting, there is no need, and no excuse, for writing so heatedly. With the affair still subject to inquiry this kind of talk cannot too strongly be deprecated.

The Leith Victory.

When a Scottish Liberal strong-hold like Leith Burgh turns Conservative it is self-evident that the Government has lost the faith of the country. Any amount of specious argument will not dispose of that conviction. The facts are that the constituency has always been represented by a Liberal, while the retiring member had sat for it for well over a quarter of a century. To-day, however, a Conservative sits in his place. It is true that the majority was a narrow one, but a victory is a victory whether it is one or by one thousand votes. It will, of course, be argued that a member who has sat for such a lengthy period as the retiring member would carry a personal influence which would be most potent, but in this instance such a contention in more than counterbalanced by the fact that the Liberal candidate was no less a person than the Provost of the town, for it is generally acknowledged that a local man can hope to win where an "outsider" could not.

Arguments Answered.

Liberals will no doubt also contend that the result was brought about by the appearance of a third candidate, who polled well over 3,000 votes. But there is no evidence that these votes would, in the event of a straight fight between Liberal and Unionist, have gone to the Liberal. The very fact that a Labour nominee appeared shows that even the erstwhile friends of the Government are deserting it, and goes to prove that the whole bulk of public opinion is tired of the Asquith Ministry. If the Liberal party would face the facts it would make an appeal to the country to test the submission. By determining to hang on to office they are only making matters worse for themselves when it comes to the actual day of reckoning.

Effort to Increase Commerce in the Far East.

Keen interest has been aroused in business circles by the decision of the Commercial Intelligence Department of the Board of Trade to send a special commissioner to China to investigate the possibilities of extending British trade in the Far East.

At present the United Kingdom exports to China manufactured articles, to the value of about twice the combined value of those sent by Germany and the United States, but the trade is mainly composed of such staple articles as cotton, and in such lines as metals and metal wares the British trade is little more than equal to that of Germany, and distinctly less than that combined trade of our two great rivals.

It is in these "side lines" that the British firms have the greatest chance of increasing their trade, and on these the commissioner will be able to provide useful information. A similar commission is to be sent to Siberia, but in this case, subject to the consent of the Foreign Office, the inquiries will be made by our commercial attaché in St. Petersburg.

Confession Before Trial.

The Government of India's despatch to the Secretary of State for India on "confessions before trial" has been published.

It is a very lengthy document, the main features of which are that the highest judicial authorities consulted are of opinion that the recording of confession prior to trial should not be prohibited, while the police may and indeed should listen to any statements which a prisoner might make.

They should be strictly forbidden to interrogate him or press him to make a statement unless the officer making the application is able to show good and satisfactory grounds for it. A prisoner who has confessed should in no circumstances be returned to police custody.

DAY BY DAY.

THE GREAT SOURCE OF CALAMITY LIES IN REGRET OR ANTIQUATION.—Goldsmith.

The Weather.

Lower levels 8 a.m. Temp. 63
Damp.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 58
Foggy.

The Mails.

English Mail—Left per s.s.
Assaye at 1 p.m. to-day.

Siberian Mail—Closes per s.s.
Kanchow at 5 p.m. to-day.

American Mail ex s.s. China.—
Doe per s.s. Dorflinger on
Monday.

Manila Mail.

The s.s. "Chinhu," which arrived last evening from Manila, brought over 17 bags of mail matter.

Extradition Case Judgment.

Judgment in the Chun Sa-nam extradition case will be delivered on Tuesday morning at 9.30 at the Supreme Court.

Theft from H.M.S. Merlin.

A stoker from H.M.S. Merlin reports to the police that someone has stolen from the engineers' store-room on board the vessel a silver watch valued \$20.

"Scorpion" Dance.

The "Scorpions" held another dance at the City Hall last night. There was a large attendance, and the evening was much enjoyed.

Police Inspection.

The annual inspection of the Hongkong Police Force by His Excellency the Governor takes place at the police compound, at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Found in The Dockyard.

A Chinese who was alleged to have been born in the Naval Dockyard Kowloon, was remanded at the Police Court, this morning, on a charge of being a rogue and a vagabond.

Flowers Stolen.

The Chinese gardener of 21, Robinson Road, has informed the police that between 9 p.m. on Thursday and 7 a.m. yesterday some one stole two plants in pots valued \$6.

More Thieving.

A Chinese accountant of 46, Peel Street, reports to the police that in the early hours of yesterday morning some person entered his house through a trap door on the roof and stole clothing valued \$50.

Lantern Lecture.

Mr. Wilbur Messer will deliver an illustrated lantern lecture at the European Section of the Y.M.C.A. on Monday at 5.30 p.m. Subject: "The Y.M.C.A. at Chicago." The lecture will be open to all members and friends.

Another Ship Theft.

The Fourth Officer of the s.s. Empress of Japan has notified the police that between 5 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. yesterday some person stole from the ship seven brass scutlings, value \$100.

Widows and Orphans' Pensions.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mr. Charles McIlvaine Messer to be a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, vice Mr. Richard Hayes Crofton resigned.

Sanitary Board Secretary.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Eric William Hamilton to act as Secretary to the Sanitary Board during the absence on leave of Mr. Cyril Francis Wogan Bowen Rowlands, with effect from the 27th February, 1914.

Architects.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that the following names be added to the list of list authorized architects:—Henry Thomas Jackson, Daniel Jaffe, Elzear William Carpenter and Isidore Michael Xavier.

1889.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending February 28, 1889.

The Magistracy.

February 23.—The sooner there is a reorganisation of the staff at the Magistracy the better. It is a matter of frequent comment that the nondescript "Chinamen" who control the Court are becoming daily more autocratic and insolent. They administer justice with a sort of reverence as though they were lying odds; Europeans are ordered about as though they were coolies; if a note is sent for transmission to the sitting Magistrate it is invariably read and delayed, and from the highest to the lowest servant in the office the most sovereign disregard for convenience and courtesy are shown.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

February 23.—The forty-seventh half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is reported in the issue of this date. The Hon. Mr. J. Bell-Irving presided. In his speech the Chairman stated that they were able to pay the usual dividend of \$1 10s. per share, to add to the reserve fund \$212,432, and to carry forward to new account \$59,874.67. He also stated that Mr. G. E. Noble had been appointed Chief Manager, and that Mr. T. Jackson would assume charge of the London branch.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.

February 25.—The twentieth ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company was held on this date, the Hon. Mr. J. Bell-Irving being in the chair. The Chairman stated that the losses on the 1887 policies had been unusually heavy, amounting to \$168,754. The losses paid up to the end of 1888 amounted to \$19,436, to which had to be added claims in course of settlement amounting to \$43,000. The decrease of fires on native risks is matter for congratulation.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

February 25.—The half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. is reported in the issue of this date. The Chairman (the Hon. Mr. J. Bell-Irving) in the course of his speech, stated that after deducting sundry charges the profit was \$88,056.75, sufficient for a dividend of 5 per cent. for the half-year, but from this sum had to be deducted the large amount of \$34,939.54 for interest, the payment of which was a heavy tax on their earnings. The wisest course to pursue, in the interests of shareholders, was to continue to write down their overdraft until it was brought within a reasonable compass. He added that the returns for January were very satisfactory showing a net profit of over \$33,300.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$39 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.—\$150 per share, nominal.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.—\$9 per share, premium, buyers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co. Ltd.—\$12.2 per share, sellers.

Kowloon Flower Show.

February 27.—A flower show will be held at Kowloon on the 14th proximo. The promoters are going the right way to make the affair a success, as free lunches will be run, admission will be free, drinks gratis, and tillin for nothing. A crowded attendance is therefore expected. Two silver cups will probably be offered, one for table decorations and one for cut flowers. Entries are limited to Kowloon growers.

Deatings with Royalty.

An Edinburgh jeweller, who has become insolvent, refused to give his creditors information as to extensive dealings, which he carried on with the Royal Family. The debtor gave as an excuse that during the 14 years in which he had been selling jewelry to Royalty, he had been repeatedly warned against making these transactions public. At last the debtor privately disclosed the particulars of his business.

POST OFFICE VAGARIES.

"No Stamps Now to be Sold."

There appear on all postal orders the following words: "Postage stamps not exceeding three in number, or 5/- in total value, may be affixed in this space, but not elsewhere, to make up a broken amount (excluding an odd halfpenny)." So far as Hongkong is concerned these words might as well be removed. They do not apply in the Hongkong Post Office, which, apparently is a law unto itself. But it is not always the same law. It says one thing to-day and another to-morrow. In our issue of February 18 we related certain experiences affecting the purchase of postal orders for broken amounts. We managed, on those occasions, after some trouble in getting what we wanted. Now comes the sequel. We sent to the Post Office for a postal order for 8. 8d and, as we expected, a reply came to the effect that an order for such an amount could not be supplied. We replied on a debit thus "Postal order for 8s. 6d and a 2d. stamp." And someone whose initials appear to be T. A. J. A. wrote across it in return "No stamps now to be sold." So one has now either to waste fourpence for no reason in the world, or the man who received the order has to go short of two pence. The Hongkong Post Office says no stamps are now to be sold. What does it propose to do with them?

FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

Damage Estimated at Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars.

Last night at about 9.30 o'clock a fire broke out on the first floor of 293, Queen's Road East. The premises comprise a four-storyed building and is occupied by the Lai Cheung Firm, dealers in foreign goods. The outbreak is supposed to have originated through a fok having occasion to search under a bed with a lighted paper torch for something, with the result that he set fire to the bed clothing.

The Fire Brigade was early on the spot, and after working for about an hour and a half succeeded in confining the flames to the building. As it was, the first floor suffered considerable damage, while the second and top floor were partly burnt out.

The damage to stock, furniture and fittings is estimated at \$25,000 and there is an insurance with a Chinese fire and marine insurance Company to the extent of \$20,000.

THE "TELEGRAPH'S" ACROSTIC.

For Sunday's Leisure.

PILLARS.

Principality must rest content With a Sunday—First in Lent.

BARS.

1.—The "bravest of the brave" by ending here Would make a knight whose end was brave appear.

2.—"Half brother to the world" With something good and bad of every land."

3.—"Were

STANDARD OIL DEAL.

The Agreement Still Secret.

Under date of the 20th, inst., the Peking correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes as follows:

The arrangement recently concluded between the Standard Oil Co. of New York and the Chinese Government has created much interest in Peking. A good deal of what appears to be unnecessary secrecy is being maintained about the terms of the contract, with the result that the idea has become prevalent that there is something to conceal. Not having seen the agreement I am not able to state positively what it contains, but as regards the following points my information has been obtained from a thoroughly reliable source.

The Chinese Share.

One rather characteristic symptom of Chinese sensitiveness on the point of the disposal of their natural resources, is the fact that several Legations were verbally informed by officials that the company to be formed for the exploitation of the concession would be half Chinese and half American. China was to be given 37 1/2 per cent of the stock, would have the right to take up another 7 1/2 per cent, whilst another 5 per cent would be open to be subscribed by the Chinese public, an arrangement by which the Chinese could hold 50 per cent. of the stock. I am positively assured, however, that the Standard Oil Co. never contemplated sharing the control and that no portion of the stock will be open to subscription by Chinese. The company intends to retain complete control by holding 55 per cent. of the stock, making a present of 37 1/2 per cent. to China, and giving her the option for two years to take up another 7 1/2 per cent. making her total holding 45 per cent.

Another point about which an erroneous impression is current is that the capital of the company to be formed is to be \$100,000,000. The contract contains nothing to that effect I am told, nor has the amount of the capital yet been settled. Apparently no decision on the point will be reached until further examination of the fields has taken place.

When it has been decided how much money will be required to develop the concessions, the company will be constituted, and calls will be made upon the shareholders from time to time as money is required to prosecute their work.

Immediate Work in View.

The view has been expressed that the Standard Oil Co. has acquired the oil right in Shensi and Chihli merely with the object of preventing them falling into other hands and that it has no intention of working for the present.

That, it appears, is contradicted by the general terms of the contract which contains many stipulations relating to the mining, refining and transport of the oil. Moreover, the Standard Oil Co. has been prospecting the oil regions involved for the past three years and has already spent considerable sums, which it is stated, the Company has the full intention of recovering by getting to work with the least possible delay. The best earnest of its intentions in this respect is that immediately on the signature of the agreement, the fact was cabled to America, with the result that a force of engineers and drillers has already started for China. Moreover, I am given to understand, the Standard Oil Co., in view of the remarkable increase in the consumption of oil fuel all over the world, is greatly in need of a further source of supply and intends to work the China fields for all they are worth.

A good Stroke for China.

The arrangement from the Chinese point of view appears to be "satisfactory. Thirty-seven and a half per cent. of the capital value of the fields is theirs without any expenditure on their part, and whatever profit results from the exploitation they will get their proportionate share. If they like to find 7 1/2 per cent. of the capital, they can participate in addition to the Chinese share.

BIG SUM CLAIMED.

Case Affecting nearly \$200,000.

TERRIBLE LOVE CRIME

Report of the Shanghai Tragedy.

Down for hearing in the Supreme Court on Monday, is the case in which the Great Western Smelting and Refining Company claim from Francisco Pereira Llagues,—under an alleged guarantee in writing dated October 2, 1912, and made between Arndt and Co., of the first part, the plaintiff of the second part, and the defendant of the third part, whereby the defendant guaranteed the payment by the said Arndt and Company to the plaintiff of the sum of \$200,000 under terms of the contract referred to in the guarantee—the sum of \$198,593.59, balance due of \$200,000 after deducting certain sums credited to the said Arndt and Company under the said contract.

The obligation is denied.

Grim tragedy stalked among the Portuguese Carnival revellers last night and to-day. Marmeto Gomes, a jilted lover, lies in the Mortuary with his brains blown out, whilst his sweetheart, Miss Celeste Goularte, is in the Shanghai General Hospital, wounded with three rifle bullets and is not expected to recover. The dead man was a member of the Portuguese Volunteer Company, S. V. C., and an employee of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, as a clerk. The young woman's home is in North Szechuan Road Extension.

A year ago Gomes, who lived in an adjoining house on North Szechuan Road Extension, became engaged to Miss Goularte. From the very first, according to those who knew the couple, he showed his unwillingness to have his fiancee pay attention to anyone but himself. At different times his jealousy asserted itself in disagreeable fashion and friends of Miss Goularte declare that he was entirely unreasonable in his demands upon her. Miss Goularte is a young, unassuming and quiet girl, who acquiesced in the desires of her lover.

Life Too Miserable.

Finally, however, about two weeks ago, she made up her mind that her life would be altogether miserable with such a man, she told him that she had resolved to break off the engagement. Since that time Gomes has been hanging about and trying to get Miss Goularte to change her mind.

Last night, Miss Goularte was preparing herself in masquerade costume for the merry-making of the Portuguese Carnival. Gomes, who had worked till 7.15 at the Bank, went home and got the rifle that he uses as member of the Volunteers. As

Mrs. Goularte came through the alleyway off the thoroughfare on which her house is situated, she noticed Gomes with the weapon and jokingly said to him as he walked toward her: "What are you doing with that gun? Are you going to shoot me?" Gomes

laughed back some reply, which she did not catch and she turned, went in and up-stairs.

She had not got to the top of the stairs, however when she heard shots fired in a room, which is on the first floor. Gomes, it seems, had followed her and turned into the room where Miss Celeste was putting on her Carnival costume.

Apparently while this was under consideration the Americans concluded the business under their noses. It has been stated here that the Japanese intended to protest the Chinese Government, but I am officially informed that there is no such intention, for the good reason that there is no ground for a protest. But we may be sure that the Japanese will not overlook the matter and that on the next occasion that China has to begin with Japan the latter will be found extra hard to deal with. The expediency, on the part of China, of giving her plums to parties who are practically unable to assist her in her struggle for existence, to the exclusion of parties who are able to damage her, is decidedly open to discussion.

Kept Round for Himself.

Five shots were fired at the poor girl. Three of them took effect, and she sank down bleeding from bullet wounds in the side of the leg and her breast. After the fifth, and with only one more found in the magazine, the maddened man turned the rifle upon himself, and placing the muzzle under his chin blew his brains out, the bullet going through his head and striking the ceiling.

A person up stairs heard the shooting and rushed down.

Others were soon present and the police were called. A Sikh policeman was the first to enter the room where he found Gomes lying near the doorway, and Miss Goularte, groaning on the floor in another part of the room. The hospital ambulance was summoned and the wounded girl taken to the General Hospital, still wearing her Carnival costume, now dyed with blood.

It is said that her wounds will probably prove mortal. Her mother, who was employed as a dressing-room mistress at the Lyceum Theatre, was in state of collapse last evening and had to be taken to the home of some friends near by. Mr. Goularte, an elderly man, who has been ill

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1914.

SHORT STORY.

A Flier in Longevity

BY WALLACE IRWIN

[Below we give the first instalment of a "booster story" by Mr. Wallace Irwin, contributed to McClure's Magazine. The author is the creator of Hashimura Togo, the Japanese schoolboy, and in this story he tells of the marvellous exploits and adventures in "boozing" of a real young American—Brian Boru.]

When the nine-fifteen steamed in from Los Angeles, every real estate dealer in San Bruno, proud city of corner lots, stood agog, a-tiptoe, his mind centred on the Santa Fe station, which sheltered the arrival of Mr. Cyrus Halloway mildly shepherding Hall-o-way's Hundred Health Pilgrims. For Mr. Halloway was there to buy land, and San Bruno had it to sell in every quantity from a clod to a continent. Consequently the sellers of the soil vied with the hotel runners in their attentions to the eccentric stranger. They were all there—all, did I say? Nay; there was one, Brian Boru Blaney by name, who languished in a hall bedroom of the cheapest boarding-house in town, lolled among the pillows and smoked cigarettes. Cigarettes were his habit, but lolling was not; yet his languors of this morning were forgivable, since he was out of a job and considering the future.

Unattended, then, by Blaney or his thoughts, Mr. Cyrus Halloway, owlish, Pickwickian, moderately wealthy leader of health cranks, marshalled his be-draggled hundred up from the depot to the hotel. As he advanced through town he beheld the wonders of booming San Bruno, which, trading cunningly on her annual crop of tourists, had increased in three years from a buxom village to an infant metropolis. On the strength of intemperate boosts for her temperate climate, she could now boast her seventy-five thousand inhabitants; in fact, she did boast that number and a little bit more around the new-antique Italian bar of the Grand Hotel. Main Street was no longer a lane—it was just the other end of Broadway extending across America. Big business was beginning to sprout out of weedy corners. The honey-breeze of California smelt of asphalt, and the twelve-story sky-crafter of the Insoluble Trust Company loomed right next to the back yard where Mrs. Mary Cray's red hen scratched the roots of a real-estate sign. So Paradise must have looked when municipal improvement set in.

The shoddy establishment where Brian Boru Blaney roomed was called the Majestic, and it afforded Brian a sleeping compartment too small for an extra bureau, but large enough for his expanding thoughts. We may behold him now, pyjama-clad, sitting on the edge of his golden oak bedstead. Red-headed, pathetically Irish of eye, youth seemed to proclaim in him the incurable optimist. And he had good use for his optimism this morning, for, being out of work, he had everything to expect. His temperamental passion for his home town had earned for him the local title of the "Little Booster," in distinction to the "Big Booster," who was Mr. Charles W. Ketchum, of Ketchum and Sellers, real estate. Brian had, in fact, been the valued employee of the above-mentioned firm up to last night, when Ketchum had called the down-man into the inner shrine and said:

"My boy, that Baulah Addition scheme of yours is a stroke of genius. We stand to lose a

hundred thousand by it. You're fired."

A the auburn youth dangled bare toes and reviewed in his mind the details of this ultimatum, Mrs. Meochan, the landlady, coughed merrily outside the door and slid two envelopes through the crack. One Brian recognized as a statement of account three weeks in arrears. The other, of a more prosperous stationery, he opened hastily, and uttered a whistle of reviving hope as he read:

Dear Sir:

Chas. W. Ketchum, tells me you are the biggest fool in or out of the real-estate business. I am preparing to launch a deal requiring the talents of such an one. Can you meet me at the Grand Hotel bar at ten o'clock?

Yours truly,

Warren E. Hissup.

"State Senator Hissup!" thought Brian Boru Blaney, with a saugine flush, as he read and re-read the mysterious note. "Gee! It's lucky I'm open to propositions this morning!"

Hope flamed rosier than his hair as he proceeded with his dressing, a process which, with Brian, included the adjusting of much gaudy raiment. First he rolled back his matress and removed therefrom a pair of yellow-brown trousers pressed by slumber's simple process to a fine edge. A pleated coat of the type known to the fifteen-dollar trade as "Norfolk" swung from the back of a chair. His shirt was pink, his tie was green, his mercerized socks were a combination of both colours.

"Senator Hissup can offer lots of things," he repeated to himself, as he buttoned on his knotted shoes and strode forth to adventure.

On the way to the Grand Hotel, he paused and smiled as a squad of Halloway's Health Pilgrims passed, moving two by two with the air of elderly boarding-school children. He recognized several real-estate men surrounding Mr. Halloway, gesturing eloquently and using the word "climate" with passionate frequency.

"That old guy needs special treatment," he reflected, "and those saps ain't got glas-enough to give it."

Leaving against the mahogany of the Grand Hotel bar Brian observed State Senator Hissup, champion of oppressed corporations, a flat-faced person with the profile of a toy spaniel.

"Good morning, Mr. Blaney," said the statesman, extending a fubby paw.

"Blaney," corrected the Little Booster. "The r is silent, as in bean."

"Hum!" growled the dogish State Senator. "My car's outside. We'll go look at the tract. Maybe you don't want to handle such a fool proposition."

"I'm the softest of my family," chirped Brian Boru. "My brin's a watery waste, and every drop of it at your service. What's your proposition?"

They mounted a white touring-car outside and went rolling westward.

"As one D. F. to another," explained Hissup, "I say it confidentially—I need the money. The only tract I can sell is not sellable. Does that look bright to you?"

"Where is your El Dorado?" asked Brian cheerfully.

"Everheard of Slaughter-house Gulch?"

"Holy alack!" whined the young man. "Now I understand why Ketchum recommended me! Slaughter-house Gulch is Hope's jumping-off place. It's the rattlesnakes' Waterloo."

"And mine," supplied the State Senator sadly. "Ten years ago politics gave me a chance to buy the tract at fifty cents per acre. I was crazy enough to think it a bargain. Even the slaughterhouse moved away from the blighted spot. Taxes and gophers grow there in luxuriance—nothing else. Last year I tried to give it back to the city as a site for a poor farm."

"The poor saw you first," said Brian. "Nice bit o' land! The slaughterhouse shuns it, the poor pass it up—gilt-edge—what? However, many things have been done in my line o' business."

The car stopped at a depressing formation among the hills. Out of the limitless tangle of gorsewood, innumerable real-estate signs reared like headstones in some giant graveyard. Trolley-poles showed dimly up the east:

They ploughed their way through the grease wood to a slight bump on the landscape. "The ocean's there," said Hissup, pointing to a tiny distant speck of blue.

Brian sat himself on the stump of a decayed sign. Half a mile to the south his eyes beheld a spot of green, a face-inclosed grove of trees and bushes surrounding a weather-beaten bungalow.

"Who lives there?" he asked, his eyes hazy with unborn visions.

"Uncle Steve Pottle—lived there for years. He and the gophers have completely queered the district."

Brian Boru Blaney chewed a sprig of honey sage and concentrated. Uncle Steve Pottle was the oldest man in the world—all San Bruno knew that for a fact. He claimed a hundred and seven years to his credit, and could show abundant proof of his extreme age; for every morning he stood at the corner of D and Main streets, exhibiting an antiquated license stating that Steven E. Pottle, aged twenty-nine, was married in Trenton, New Jersey, seventy-eight years ago.

"Whoop! I got the straw!" cried Brian, suddenly leaping to his feet.

"Straw?" inquired the puzzled statesman.

"You bet! Every good booz's like an orange phosphate—it needs straw to draw it up through and make it taste natural. And I've got the straw that's going to make 'em thirst for this deal!"

"Straw?" repeated Hissup.

"Wait a minute. In the first place, this tract's going to be Old Folks' Day and you're to be the guest of honour. Presentation ceremonies, parade, lunch—"

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"How much?" asked the Little Booster promptly.

"Fifty dollars wouldn't be too much," replied the graybeard.

"But how about the—"

"Oh, forget the straw for a minute. You've lived in San Bruno long enough, I guess, to know that most o' the land around these parts is bought by tourists from the East—heath fans past middle age, who think they can dodge the dread Reaper by nesting close to the soil and pulling the climate over 'em. I guess you know, too, that Cyrus Halloway, the Grand High Totem of the Healthcrackers, is here with roll o' bills like a China loan, cryin' like a baby to spend it on a strip o' land that nobody else wants? Health! Gee—what a prospectus I could write on this place!"

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"That straw'll be Uncle Steve Pottle, the oldest man in the world," answered the incurable optimist.

When Brian Boru approached Uncle Steve Pottle next morning, the latter had just made his regular daily appearance at the corner of D and Main streets; he observed a tourist. He stood straight as a string, and his cascade of snowy beard and hair gave to his withered face the appearance of a frost-bitten apple neatly packed in cotton.

"How long have you lived in Slaughter-house Gulch?" shouted Brian, standing close to the dotard's good ear.

"Oh, toable toable!" replied the oldest of men.

"How long's that—ever since the Revolutionary War?"

"Come there two years before Rex Olcutt shot Bill Fry."

"About seventeen years ago," computed the Boaster, recalling the celebrated unpleasantness.

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"Day was epochal. The politician had lent a room on the third floor of the Insoluble Life Building to the purposes of the Boaster; and it was from the window of this office that mysteriously labeled banners were let down from time to time during the week preceding. The first banner, many yards long and boldly lettered, flouted the question:

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announced another. And so on at hourly intervals,

Prominent among the many persons arrested by these flaunting promises was an owlish gentleman of Pickwickian mien who took notes in a red morocco book with the air of a gambler studying a pool-room chart. Brian, watching the crowd from behind a closed screen, recognized in this earnest person Mr. Cyrus Halloway of the Hundred Health Pilgrims.

For a bribe of five dollars and a new hat, Brian was able to employ the services of Dr. Abe Meyer (retired from the active practice of patent medicine) to act as spokesman for the Old Folks and marshal a "committee" of twelve elderly tramps, shaved for the occasion and respectable by means of barg in straw hats. It was the duty of this "committee" to ride in automobiles, wear badges, and wave placards announcing the glad but belated tidings of Uncle Steve's hundred and seventh natural day.

Two hours before the time set, Brian Boru, from his third-story window, beheld the crowd gathering, and realized what an unexpected importance his celebration was assuming. Drovers of humanity fought for places around the gaudy cars now assembled in front of the Insoluble Life Building. Theirs vibrated with emotion; and when Steinwinder's Silver Cornet Band leaped into the melting strains of "Darling, I Am Growing Old," two labourers were arrested for starting a riot, as great was the heart-throb.

"Anyways, I'm a hundred 'n' seven, an' if y' don't believe it" (pause to adjust teeth) "ask the folks back to Trenton, where I was born in—lemon see—eighteen!"

"Eighteen hundred and five!" prompted Brian, after a lightning calculation.

"In 1815 I was born there," (Dental operation.) "An' if ye don't believe that, here's the marriage certificate to prove it. My birthday was the fifteenth o' last March—"

"Today!" prompted the Boaster, pulling his coat-tails.

"Hey?" inquired Uncle, leaning down with a hand held wing-like behind his ear.

"Your birthday is to-day!" repeated Brian Boru.

"My birthday's to-day," went on Uncle, serenely addressing the crowd. "An' I never felt better in my life. I can walk farther an' eat more vittles 'n any old whipperrunner a-go-in'."

Uncle Steve took his seat. Loud applause. Mike, the chauffeur, now began cranking up the car, and two small boys took their places in the van with a placard.

"The Oldest Man in the World." Before the procession proceeded, Brian encircled to the throng that Uncle Steve, to prove his digestive prowess, would eat his birthday dinner in the window of the Saddle Rock Restaurant.

Cyrus Halloway jumped on the running-board of Brian's car just as it was pulling out.

"How does one get to this Healthy-View-by-the-Sea?" asked the stranger.

"To-morrow at three o'clock we give a testimonial pilgrimage and free bus ride to the home of this wonderful man. If you wish, we'll provide transportation for as many of your Pilgrims as you wish to bring."

"There are a hundred of us," said Halloway. "We'll try and make it."

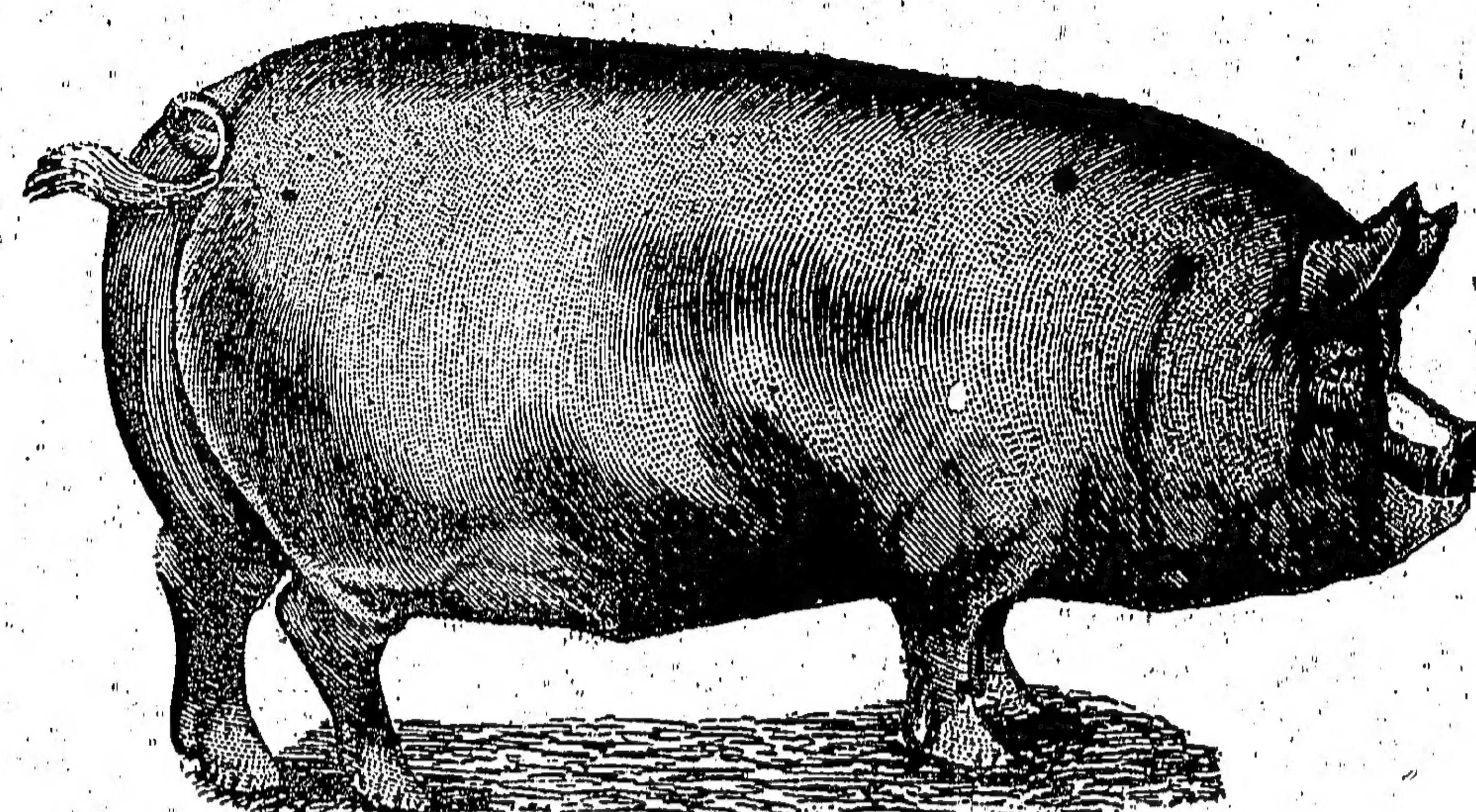
As they moved slowly toward the Saddle Rock Restaurant, Brian took Uncle Steve in hand and attempted to impress him with the importance of his office.

"Half the town will be rubbering at your performance. You've got to eat like wolf."

"Guess I kin!" responded Uncle Steve recklessly.

been eye-witnesses for a score of years to the maturity of this splendid specimen of old manhood, Colonel Steven E. Pottle? (Others). Brian, encouraged, now dragged in Professor McChinkoff to prove that certain favoured strips of land grew old men, even, as certain vineyards grow old vines. There was Servia, for instance. (Brian was not quite sure

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AND THE PORK IS OF EXQUISITE QUALITY."—JOHN BULL,
LONDON, FEB. 17, 1912.

SUCKING PIC.

CORNED PORK.

Public Auction

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
AUCTIONEER, SHARE &
GENERAL BROKER

THE Undersigned has received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction on:

TUESDAY,
the 3rd March, 1914, com-
mencing at 5 p.m. at his
Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
A Valuable Collection of
Postage Stamps.

Comprising:-
HONGKONG, MACAU, CHINA,
TRANSVAAL, NATAL,
THIBET, SIAM, STRAITS,
SHANGHAI, FRENCH CO-
LONIES, etc., etc.

On view now.

Catalogues will be issued.
N.B.—(The stamps have been
examined by kind favour of
Messrs. Graa & Co. and they are
pronounced to be genuine, in per-
fect condition and according to
the description of the catalogue).

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

G. S. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDI-
TIONS of the letting by Public
Auction Sale, to be held on Mon-
day, the 2nd day of March, 1914,
at 3 p.m., at the Office's of the
Public Works Department, by
Order of His Excellency the Go-
vernor, of One Lot of Crown Land
at Reclamation Street, Yau Ma Tei,
in the Colony of Hongkong, for a
term of 75 years, with the option
of renewal, at a Crown Rent to be
fixed by the Surveyor, of His
Majesty the King, for one further
term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub- Division	Locality	Boundary Measurements, Approximate				Contents in Cubic Feet	Annual Rent	Use
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Reclamation Street	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
2	Reclamation Street	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
3	Reclamation Street	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
4	Reclamation Street	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
5	Reclamation Street	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	

G. S. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDI-
TIONS of the letting by Public
Auction Sale, to be held on Mon-
day, the 2nd day of March, 1914,
at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the
Public Works Department, by
Order of His Excellency the Go-
vernor, of Two Lots of
Crown Land at Kowloon Tong in
the New Territories of Hongkong,
for a term of 21 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub- Division	Locality	Boundary Measurements, Approximate				Contents in Cubic Feet	Annual Rent	Use
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
2	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
3	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
4	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
5	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	

G. S. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDI-
TIONS of the letting by Public
Auction Sale, to be held on Mon-
day, the 2nd day of March, 1914, at
3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public
Works Department, by Order of His
Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of
Crown Land at Pokfulam, in the Colony
of Hongkong, for a term of 75
years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub- Division	Locality	Boundary Measurements, Approximate				Contents in Cubic Feet	Annual Rent	Use
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
2	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
3	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
4	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	
5	Kowloon Tong	feet	feet	feet	feet	15,350	100	

G. S. R.

forget after the Show
and Light Refreshments

ALEXANDRA CAFE,

Open Till Mid-night.

Consignees

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SCANDIA."

Capt. Jochims, having arrived,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their goods are be-
ing landed and placed at their
risk in the hazardous and/or
extra-hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Company, Limited,
whence delivery may be obtained
against Bills of Lading counter-
signed by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried
on unless notice to the contrary
is given to-day.

All claims must be presented
within ten days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date they
cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the
Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered, after the 27th inst.,
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
goods must be left in the Go-
downs, where they will be ex-
amined on the 27th inst. at 9.30
a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected by us in any case what-
ever.

This steamer brings on cargo—
ex.s.s. "Sephora Worms" from
Bordeaux

"Santa Ursula" from Setubal

"Soneck" from Setubal

"Michel" from Bordeaux

"Byzdo" from Drammen

"Kong Sigurd" from

"Göteborg" from Göteborg

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1914.

COMPAGNIE DES MAS-
SAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"AUSTRALIEN."

Consignees of Cargo from Lon-
don ex. s.s. "NORMAND" at
"BRETON."

Consignees of Cargo from
Nantes ex. s.s. "CACHAR."

Consignees of Cargo from
Havre ex. s.s. "BASQUE."

In connection with above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their goods with the exception of
Opium, Treasure and Valuables
are being landed and stored at
their risk into the hazardous and/or
extra-hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Co. Ltd. at Kowloon
whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forward-
ed on unless intimation is received
from the Consignees before
NOON TO-DAY requesting it to
be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by the Undersigned. Goods
remained unclaimed after
28th inst., at Noon will be subject
to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to
me on or before the 2nd March
1914 or they will not be recog-
nized.

All damaged packages will be
examined on 28th February 1914
at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

S. C. DE BUSSIERE,
Acting Agent,

Hongkong, 22nd Feb., 1914. [160]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship

"BENNALDER."

From ANTWERP, MIDDLE-
BRO., LONDON, & STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo are
hereby informed that all
Goods are being landed at their
risk into the hazardous and/or
extra-hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Co. Ltd. at Kowloon
whence delivery may be obtained
and/or from the wharves delivery
may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the
Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 2nd
Mar., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 9th Mar.,
or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Go-
downs, where they will be ex-
amined on the 2nd Mar., at
11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will counter-
signed by

GIBR. LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1914. [1160]

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and Light Refreshments

ALEXANDRA CAFE,

Open Till Mid-night.

Hotel Lists.

Hongkong Hotel.

Abraham, E. S.

Kiddle Cond. and
Mrs. J.

Krusmann A.

Lambert E. B.

Lambert A.

Leavitt S. H.

Loeb J. W.

Lobel F.

Logan, W.

Macmillan, Mr. & Mrs. J.

Matheson, Mrs. B.

Matheson, Mrs. R.

TO-DAY'S SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	Highest week ending Feb. 21,	Lowest week ending Feb. 21,	1913.	1913.	1914.	1914.	Last Dividend and Date	
							1913.	1913.	1914.	1914.		
Banks.												
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$315	120,000	\$125	all	835	Jan.	790	Aug.	815	812	{ £2 & 5/4 bonus at ex. 1/11 3/16 equal to \$33.98 for 1/4 year ending 31/12/13	
Marine Insurances.												
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	123	b.	10.00	\$210	00	349	Oct.	270	Jan.	323	323	{ \$18 for 1912 Final of 10 p.c. making 20 p.c. for 1913
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	139	b.	10,000	\$15	0	137 1/2	Aug.	131	Jan.	139	138	{ Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1912 and Interim of \$30 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1912
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	845	b.	13,400	\$150	100	845	April	784	Sept.	815	814	
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	3200	b.	12,000	\$100	60	200	April	183	June	200	195	
Fire Insurances.												
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	1575	s.	20,000	\$100	20	16 1/2	Dec.	146	May	1574	1574	\$10 for 1911
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	3305	s.	8,000	\$250	40	385	Jan.	354	May	395	395	\$27 for 1911
Shipping.												
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	69	s.	30,000	\$25	all	11 1/2	June	7 1/2	Oct.	9	9	\$1 for 1906
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	634	s.	20,000	\$50	all	42	May	30	Oct.	34	34	\$2.50 for year end'g 30/6/13
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	261	b.	80,000	\$15	all	29 1/4	Aug.	27	April	29	28 1/4	Interim of \$1 for half-year ending 30/6/13
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	875	s.	60,000	\$5	all	99	April	75	Aug.	77	75	6 p.c. for 1912 on preferred shares
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	101/-	sa.	2,500,000	£1	all	118	April	98/6	Oct.	103	100/-	Interim of 1/- making 2/- for 1913 Coupon No. 21.
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	48	b.	40,000	\$10	all	58	Oct.	32 1/2	Jan.	48	48	{ \$3 on 10,000 shares 1st issue \$3 on 10,000 shares 2nd issue \$1 on 10,000 shares 3rd issue for year ending 30/4/13
Refineries.												
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	895	b.	20,000	\$100	all	112	Jan.	92 1/2	Aug.	96	94	\$3 for 1911
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	830	s.	7,000	\$100	all	40	Jan.	30	Dec.	31	30	\$3 for 1897
Mining.												
Kaitan Mining Admin'nt.	40/6	b.	1,000,000	£1	all	37	Dec.	30	July	41	40/6	{ Final of 4 1/2 Coupon No. 2 making 8% for year ending 30.6.13
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	3	b.	200,000	£1	all	41 1/2	Jan.	3	Aug.	3	3	1/2 for 1909
Tronch Mines Ltd.	336/-	s.	160,000	£1	all	86	Feb.	38	Dec.	36	35/6	1/- mak. 7/6 a/c. 1913
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.												
Hongkong & K.W. & C. Co., Ltd.	884 1/2	s.	60,000	\$50	all	99	July	74	Mar.	84	83 1/2	\$4.50 for year 1912
Hongkong & W. poa D. Co., Ltd.	674	s.	50,000	\$50	all	90	June	56	Jan.	77	74 1/2	\$1 final dividend for year 1911
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	59	s.	50,700	t. 1/2	all	72	Jan.	51	July	59	56	Tls. 3 for 1912
Shai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	100	b.	68,000	t. 100	all	113 1/2	May	103	Jan.	104	100	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1913
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.												
Anglo French Lands	74		25,000	t. 100	t. 100							
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. (Old).	6120 b. x	12,000	\$50	25	125	Aug.	112	Mar.	127	120		
Hongkong Land Investment Co.	6112	s.	60,000	\$100	all	118	July	104	Jan.	112	112	Tls. 6 29.2.10
H. H. Foy's Estate & Co., Ltd.	6113	s.	160,000	\$10	all	94	Sept.	8	Feb.	84	81	\$7 on old shares, \$3.50 on new shares for year 31/12/13
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	6148 bxdv	s.	60,000	\$50	8	46	Aug.	33	Feb.	45	44	43 for year ending 31/12/13
Shanghai Lands	783		78,000	t. 50	all							
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	866	b.	17,500	\$50	all	74 1/2	June	54 1/2	Jan.	66	66	50 cents for year end'g 31/12/13
Manila M'pole Hotel	78	p.8	15,000	p.10	all							15 per cent. for 1910
Cotton Mills.												
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	136	s.	20,000	t. 5	all	148 1/2	Nov.	120	July	136	136	Tls. 15 for year ending 31/12/13
Hongkong Cotton Co.	88	s.	125,000	\$10	all	104	April	72	Dec.	88	88	50 cents for year 31/12/08
Kung Yik	13	s.	70,000	t. 10	all	15 1/2	Jan.	12 1/2	July	13	13	Tls. 14 for year ending 31/12/13
Lau Kung Mow	98	s.	8,000	t. 100	all	112	Jan.	93	Sept.	98	98	Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons	129	b.	50,000	t. 50	all	136	Mar.	104	Sept.	132	128	Tls. 10 for year ending 31/12/13
Miscellaneous.												
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	811	b.	60,000	\$2	all	11 1/2	May	9	April	11	11	85 cents for 1912
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	344	s.	50,000	\$5	all	5	Nov.	280	Jan.	41	41	6% for year ending 28.9.06
Do. (Spec. shares)												
China Prov't. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	830 bxdv	200,000	\$0	all	91 1/2	Feb.	8 1/2	May	9	9	70 cts. for 1913.	
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	830	b.	4,000	\$75	6	29	Oct.	21 1/2	Jan.	30	30	\$1.30 for year end'g 31/12/13
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	64	b.	400,000	\$0	all	7.80	Nov.	4 1/2	Jan.	6.60	61	40 cts. for 1914.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	844	sa.	9,000	\$0	all	49	Dec.	26	Jan.	45	44	41.67 per share for 1912
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.	8183	s.	5,000	\$25	all	200	Jan.	150	Oct.	180	185	\$2.25 per share for 1913
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	821	b.	6,000	\$70	all	25 1/2	July	19	Jan.	23	23 1/2	\$1.25 per share for 1913
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	8/-		325,000	5/-	all	9/6	Sept.	14/9	Jan.	8/-	7/2	Interim of T. 1 making T. 2 a/c 1913
Langkats	742	b.	250,000	t. 10	all	73	Jan.	19	Sept.	41 1/2	36	180 cts. on fully paid shares and 80 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.13
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old).	810	b.	25,000	\$0	all	113 1/2	April	9	Sept.	103	10	None
Do. (New).	810	cts. s.	5,000	\$10	1	1.00	Jan.	90	cts.	93	93	\$1.50 for 1910.
Philippines	85	s.	75,000	\$10	all							
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	86	s.	—	—	10							
Societedes Pulpes et Papier-teries du Tonkin	820		13,910	\$50	all							
Shanghai Sunatras	8135		13,000	t. 50	all							
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	84	b.	21,000	\$5	all	5.00	May	3.50	Oct.	4 1/2	4 1/2	No dividend this year.
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	820	s.	50,000	\$10	all	18 1/2	May	13 1/2	Feb.	20	20	50 cts. for year ending 31/12/13
A. S. Watson and Co. Ltd.	8734	s.	91,000	\$10	all	83 1/2	May	6 1/2	Jan.			

Public Companies

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

THE Transfer Books of the above Company will be closed as from Monday the 23rd instant to Saturday the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

General Managers.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1914, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1913.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd to 5th March inclusive.

W. S. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1914.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

THE FORTY-FIFTH MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1914, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1913.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th March to 19th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. PEMBERTON

Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1914.

Notices

NOTICE

ALL PAST PRESENT MEMBERS of Oxford or Cambridge Universities are requested to communicate with the undersigned with a view to forming a register in Hongkong, and ultimately an Oxford and Cambridge Society, embracing Canton and the Coast ports.

It is earnestly requested that all members, past or present, of either University, will send in their names, whether they have been in the habit of attending the Oxford and Cambridge dinner during recent years or not.

The Oxford and Cambridge dinner will be held as usual, on a date to be notified later.

P. W. GOLEING,

(Oxford),

6, Des Vaux, Road Central,

C. D. MELBOURNE,

(Cambridge),

Supreme Court,

Hongkong.

NOTICE

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. Frank Barrington Deacon in our firm ceased on the 3rd April, 1913.

DEACON, LOOKER,

DEACON & HARSTON,

Hongkong, 25th Feb., 1914.

PHARMACY ORDINANCE

New Regulations.

The following articles have removed from Part II of Schedule A of the Pharmacy Ordinance:—

Morphine—Preparations.

The following articles are added to Part II of Schedule A of the Ordinance:—

Morphine, codeine and any alkaloid of opium, Heroin, Dionin, Perouine, their salts, derivatives, solutions, admixtures and preparations of any kind whatsoever of such, except prepared or smoking opium as prepared by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

WARNING TO DOG OWNERS.

Owners of dogs in Hongkong are warned that rabies having made its appearance in Hongkong, any dog which shall be found straying or wandering about during the daytime without any owner and not wearing a collar with the licence number attached thereto may forthwith be destroyed, and further that any dog may be destroyed which shall be found straying or wandering about between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Owners of dogs are reminded the provisions of Sub-section (2) of Section 18 of Ordinance No 1 of 1815, which is as follows:—

"(2) The owner of any such dog or animal who permits the same to go at large, after having information or reasonable ground for believing it to be in a rabid state, or to have been bitten by a dog or other animal in a rabid state, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding 100 dollars."

Newest in Horse-Shoes.

Eight hundred horse-shoes fashioned from unusual materials are arranged at the R.S.P.C.A. premises in London, awaiting the judgment of the experts. They have been sent in for a competition promoted by the Roads Improvement Association for a shoe that will enable the horse to secure a better grip of a tar meadow road surface, and at the same time prevent that cutting up of the roads for which the iron horse-shoe is held to be responsible. Specimens of shoes had been received from Canada, Australia, Cape Colony and Germany. Many have been sent in by American competitors, whilst London and the provinces are well represented. A prize of £100 is to be awarded to the designer of the best pattern.

Christian Union.

Mr. A. Hughes will conduct the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next at 5.30 p.m.

SILIMPON COAL, BUNKERS

can be supplied at the following ports:

SANDAKAN & SEBATTIK (British North Borneo);

At these ports steamer call for bunker coal exclusively are exempt from all shipping dues and charges.

A. BUNN

POST OFFICE.

New Regulations.

The Derflinger with the American mail ex China is expected to arrive here on Monday 2nd March.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Due Shanghai Feb. 7
Arrived Shanghai Feb. 23

MAILS DUE.

American, Derflinger, 2nd March.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Shanghai & North China—Per KWANG-TAN, 28th Inst. 3 p.m.
Bangkok—OPALAND, 28th Inst. 3 p.m.
Straits—Per KASAMA, 28th Inst. 4 p.m.

Shanghai & North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per XANCHOV, 28th Inst. 5 p.m.

Swatow, Shanghai & North China—Per SHENGKANG, 28th Inst. 5 p.m.

Amoy—GLENFALLOCH, 28th Inst. 5 p.m.

Dairen—Per TAISHO MARU, 28th Inst. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 1st Mar. 9 a.m.

Fort Bayard—Per KWONG CHOW, WAN, 1st Mar. 9 a.m.

Bangkok—Per GEMINI, 1st Mar. 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 2nd Mar.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per DILWARA, 2nd Mar. 3 p.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Yokohama—Per KLEIST 2nd Mar. 4 p.m.

Straits, Colombo, India via Bombay—Per COLOMBO MARU, 2nd Mar.

Shanghai and North China—Per LOKSANG, 2nd Mar. 5 p.m.

Foochow & Shanghai—LOKSANG, 2nd Mar. 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 3rd Mar.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-CHING, 3rd Mar. 10 a.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per DUNERA 3rd Mar. 10 a.m.

Swatow, Choo & Tientan—Per CHIP-SHING, 3rd Mar. 10 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SHAO-HISING, 3rd Mar. 11 a.m.

Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 3rd Mar. 11 a.m.

Philippines Is., Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaid, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and the Red Sea—Per DERFFLINGER, 3rd Mar. 9 a.m.

Philippines Islands—Per ZAFIRO, 3rd Mar. 3 p.m.

Philippines Islands—Per CHINHUA, 3rd Mar. 3 p.m.

Shanghai & North China, Japan via Nagasaki—Per NAMSANG, 3rd Mar. 3 p.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per AFICA, 3rd Mar. 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Anping and Tako—Per SOSHU MARU, 3rd Mar. 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 4th Mar.

Straits via Ceylon—Per NOME, 4th 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 4th Mar. 10 a.m.

American—Per CHIN HUANG, 4th Mar. noon.

THURSDAY, 5th Mar.

Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui—Per DAJIN MARU, 5th Mar. 9 a.m.

American & Canadian—Per CHIN HUANG, 5th Mar. 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America—via San Francisco—Per E. OF NAPAN, 5th Mar. 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 5th Mar. 10 a.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per ANHUI, 5th Mar. 3 p.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per KWONG-SANG, 5th Mar. 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 6th Mar.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-TAN, 6th Mar. 10 a.m.

Straits & India via Calcutta—Per LAISANG, 6th Mar. 1 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per YATSHING, 6th Mar. 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 7th Mar.

American—Shanghai & North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria, and Tacoma—Per PANAMA MARU, 7th Mar. 4 p.m.

Singapore—Kudat and Sandakan—Per BORNEO, 7th Mar. 6 p.m.

Singapore—Kudat and Sandakan—Per CHIN HUANG, 7th Mar. 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10th Mar.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-TAN, 10th Mar. 10 a.m.

Singapore—Kudat and Sandakan—Aden, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marsella (late letters 1 to Noon). Extra Postage 10 cents. Letters posted in all the British Posts in time for the first steamer will be included in this column (not mail)—Per NERA, 10th Mar. 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 21st Mar.

Australian Mail—Philippines Islands, Angaur, Yap, Fred. Wilhelmsen, Rangoon, Herberthoe, Matupi, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, via Brisbane—Per GOBLIN, 21st Mar. 9 a.m.

Wednesday, 25th Mar.

Philippines Is., Australia, Tasmania & New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per CHANGSHA, 25th Mar. 9 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Chinhu, Br. a.a. Findlayson, 27th Inst.—

Manila, 24th Inst., Sugar—B. & S.

Ship Shing, Br. a.m. 1,189, E. W. Schak, 27th Feb.

Gen. J. M. & Co.

Chow Tai Ger. a.s. 1,115, G. Gathemann, 28th Feb.

Rec. 2nd and S.

Glenfield, Br. a.s. 1,434, Gardner, 27th Inst.—

Singapore, 21st Inst., Gen.—

Chinese.

Shaoxing, Br. a.s. 1,207, E. M. French,

17th Inst.—Shanghai, 24th Inst.

Gen. E. and S.

Zafiro, American a.s. 1,405, F. S. McM

ray, 23rd Feb.—Manila, 25th

Feb., Gen. S. T. Co.

DEPARTED.

February 28.

Laetus for Singapore

Mexico City for Moji

Torilla for Calcutta

Seang Bee for Rangoon

Empire for Melbourne

Shanhai for Shanghai

Feilong for Canton

Tancon Kuan No. 12 for Moji

Nelen for Yokohama

Balyan for Canton

Sokhi Maru for Takao

Assay for Bombay

Wostock 7a

Nemuro 6a

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Hakodate 7a

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